

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. With entry of this amendment, Applicants amend claims 1 and 4, cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice and adds new claims 9 and 10. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

A. Claims 4-9

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 4-6. Applicants have amended claim 4 to place it in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 4 and its dependent claims 5 and 6 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 4 and have been withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. In view of the amendment to claim 4 that places claim 4 in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that claims 7 and 8 be rejoined with claims 4-6 and allowed.

Applicants have also added new claim 9 directed to an angle member fixable to an electronic device. New claim 9 recites the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Specifically, claim 9 recites an angle member comprising “a first plate and a second plate joined with each other at a bent portion, and in a cross section perpendicular to an longitudinal direction thereof, a distance from an outer end portion of said first plate to said bent portion is longer than a distance from an outer end portion of said second plate to said bent portion,” “said first plate is provided with a first fixing portion for fixing to a side face of the electronic device,” “said second plate is provided with a second fixing portion for fixing to said side face” and “a distance from the outer end portion of said first plate to said first fixing portion is equal to a distance from said bent portion to said second fixing portion of the second plate.” In Zappacosta, the retaining bracket 22 does not have two fixing portions on two plates nor the recited distance from the outer end portion of the first plate to the first fixing portion being equal to a distance from said bent portion to said second fixing portion of the second plate. Accordingly, claim 9 is also in condition for allowance.

B. Claim 1

In the Office Action, the Examiner maintained his rejection of claim 1 based on Zappacosta. Zappacosta discloses an assembly for retaining a computer expansion card. As illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, card 20 is attached to mounting panel 10 via mounting bracket 18 and retaining bracket 22. From the “Response to Arguments” section at page 4, it appears that the Examiner considers the recitation “any one” of two attachment modes as being met by Zappacosta which discloses a single way to attach retaining bracket 22 to the mounting panel 10.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to delete “any one” to emphasize that the fixing member fixes the angle member in two attachment modes. In contrast, Zappacosta only discloses attaching retaining bracket 22 by fastener 50 as illustrated in Fig. 2. Zappacosta does not envision the retaining bracket 22 to be fastened or attached in any other way. For example, if the bracket 22 is flipped so that fingers 26 point upward, the upper lip of bracket 22 would prevent fastener 50 fastening through openings 38 and 16. Moreover, it would defeat the purpose of the retaining bracket 22 to retain an expansion card.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is not anticipated or obvious in view of Zappacosta.

C. Claim 10

Applicants have added new independent claim 10. Claim 10 recites that the angle member includes “a first set of one or more attachment holes and a second set of one or more attachment holes” and that the fixing member fixes the angle member “through said first set of one or more attachment holes in a first attachment mode” and “through said second set of one or more attachment holes in a second attachment mode.”

Support for this claim is found throughout the specification and drawings including Figs. 3 and 4. Figs. 3 and 4 show an angle member 20 having a first set of one or more attachment holes 24 and a second set of one or more attachment holes 26. Fig. 3 shows fixing the angle member with attachment hole 24 in the first attachment mode, while Fig. 4 shows fixing the angle member with attachment hole 26 in the second attachment mode.

In contrast, Zappacosta only discloses a first set of holes 38 that are used to fasten bracket 22. It does not disclose a second set of holes to attach the bracket 22 in a second attachment mode. Even if the bracket 22 is flipped such that the fingers 26 point upwards, the same set of holes 38 would be used to try to fasten the retaining bracket 22.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10 is also in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032041000.

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